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1. Morale among Communist troops in the areas of Taohua Island (122-17, 29-48), Liuheng Island (122- , 29-), and Chuanshan (121-56, 29-54) became very low after their failure to capture Tengpu Island, between Tinghai and Taohua. Soldiers and lower ranking officers consider an attack on Nationalist-held islands in the area dangerous and are equally afraid of punishment by death if an attack were again unsuccessful. Some troops have deserted and the general attitude of the troops is very bad.
2. In order to bolster the morale of these forces and strengthen official controls, Communist authorities in eastern Chekiang Province have organized a program of cultural training and cultural workers groups for the army. More than one hundred fifty men and women intellectuals from Shanghai and Hangchow were induced to form cultural groups for soldiers and to spread propaganda among the troops to increase their attachment to Communism and improve their spirits.

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